

State ALASKA
METHODS OF ASSURING TRANSPORTATION

1. When necessary medically-related transportation service is not available from a voluntary source without cost, then a commercial carrier or private provider of transportation will be reimbursed on the basis of reasonable cost.
2. When medical transportation service is arranged for and paid by an enrolled government provider of medical services, payment is made to the enrolled government provider at the lower of the actual cost or the reasonable cost of providing the transportation service.
3. Necessary medically-related transportation services include transportation provided by ambulance services, commercial carriers, and private individuals.
4. Included under transportation services are the costs of necessary medically-related food and lodging for the recipient and an escort when an escort is medically necessary or the recipient is a minor.
5. Travel and per diem expenses (at state employee per diem rates) of a provider of EPSDT screening services or a provider whose services are found to be necessary as a result of EPSDT screenings, including transportation and per diem expenses for a necessary assistant and transportation charges for necessary medical equipment, are paid, provided that:

Total travel costs of transporting a provider to a cluster of recipients living in an underserved area will be less than the costs of separately transporting recipients and escorts to the nearest provider;

The travel is requested by a Public Health Nurse, and approved by a Regional Nurse Manager and the EPSDT Program Nurse Consultant in advance; and

Travel billing are accompanied by the names and identification numbers of the recipients served during the trip.

Payment is made by the Division of Public Health, under the EPSDT reimburseable services agreement with the Division of Medical Assistance. Payments for provider travel are therefore administrative expenses, not transportation service expenses.